

Minutes Utah Area 69 Fall Assembly September 25 – 27, 2009
Bountiful Elks Lodge
Bountiful, Utah District 11

Welcome Charlie G., Chair – with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, Preamble and Anonymity Statement. Welcome newcomers to their first General Service Meeting. Introduce Area Officers and Past Delegates.

12 Concepts read by Gene (GSR).

A moment of silence in memory of Robert M.

Minutes of the “Post-Conference Assembly” May 15 to 17, 2009 – Walter C., Area Secretary – Approved as read.

Financial Report – Pete G., Treasurer, Approved with amendments.

Vote on Proposed 2010 Budget – Pete G., Treasurer: The budget was approved with the following corrections and increases – Corrections made to Archives (from \$550.00 to \$650.00) and BTG National (\$250.00 to \$300.00 no increase to budget correction only); Forum increased from \$2,100.00 to \$2,600.00; Print Financials increased from \$300.00 to \$500.00.

Up Coming Events

Fall Workshop, District 8, John G. — District 8 is excited to be able to host the 2009 Fall Workshop November 7th and 8th at the Western Park Convention Center -- We've been having regular committee meetings and are being supervised by Keith M. -- Area Agenda chair, we are on line to produce a great area workshop.

December Area Committee Meeting, District 2, Charlie T. — The committee meeting will take place on 5 December 2009. The location is Lakepoint (Tooele county), Utah at the Shephard House Christian Church, 1533 Sage Lane. For google map go to www.lakepointaa.org

International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous, Charlie G. Area Chairperson – The 2010 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 1-4 in San Antonio, Texas with the theme “A Vision for You”. A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.’s 75th year at this event with big meetings held Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning in the Alamodome. Other meetings, scheduled or informal, will take place throughout the weekend in the San Antonio Convention Center and Local hotels. We know many are excited about the international Convention an eager for detailed information. As the time gets closer, additional information about the Convention and San Antonio, our host city, will be provided. This Web site will be updated as more information becomes available. Also, watch for articles in *Box 4-5-9* that is mailed to the general service representative of every group in the U.S. and Canada listed with G.S.O. and posted on the Web site. Convention registration and housing reservations will open in fall 2009. All necessary information will be included in the registration, which will be available in September 2009. This packet will list numbers to call for answers to specific questions about housing, the program, tours, etc. The information will be mailed to A.A. groups, offices and contacts around the world and posted on the Web site. We look forward to seeing you in San Antonio!

Past Events

National Bridge the Gap Workshop, Bruce I., Treatment Chair — It was good to share the enthusiasm and dedication of people from around the country in providing this form of twelfth step work. I was impressed by their ideas of offering Bridging the Gap to current members as an opportunity for service as much as a vehicle for welcoming the new member. We heard a lot of ideas about how Bridging the Gap is done in different locations. I will be sharing more of the details with the committees and my co-chair Wade J. What I discovered was that everyone seemed to adapt to the demands of their own particular situation. And it wasn't always due to the demands of an Institution. Sometimes it was determined by the conscience of the Fellowship just how the program would be administered in a particular Area or District. *** As a result of the workshop, I developed a new gratitude to those who have worked so long to develop Bridging the Gap. Now I understand better how the ideas we borrowed were developed. But, even more importantly, I have a new belief that the ideas we have proposed will be helpful here in our Area simply because we have so many different needs. We have made the attempt to address them District by District. Our conclusion was to offer support from the Area in the form of materials and techniques and a network to connect everyone, but allow each District to design their own programs. After going to the workshop I discovered that we had adopted the same strategy the GSO and the Conference use. They decided it is best to let the Bridging the Gap program be administered locally. GSO gathers information and provides literature based on the experiences shared by the Fellowship. GSO also provides a list of Chairpersons involved in Treatment, Corrections, and BTG from all the Areas. The Area 69 system is very similar. In addition to this support the Areas have voluntarily formed the Annual Bridging the Gap Workshop and in conjunction with that they maintain a long term contact list and archives. The archives consist of the participating Areas' BTG documents and experiences. There weren't any materials from Area 69 so we will be sending them in the near future.

There was a lot of technical talk stuff about the web site I didn't understand so I decided to wait until it's completed before reporting details. It amounts to making the web site more user friendly when processing a contact request. They also talked about making the archives digital so the materials can be downloaded instead of hard copied and mailed. It will make sharing information much quicker and less expensive. If I understood correctly, the web site is only a few years old and therefore going through a refining process. Nonetheless, it is a valuable tool and I recommend checking it out. The address is simply btgww.org. We will be sharing more about the web site and how to use it in committee meetings and roundtables.

Area Bridge the Gap Workshop, District 1, Gunnar – The Bridging the Gap workshop, turned out to be a success. Approximately 47 people were in attendance. We had representation from Districts 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, and 11. Wade and Bruce (Area 69 Corrections and Treatment Standing Chairs) and their committee had arranged a compelling program with speakers, power point presentations, tons of useful information and engaging discussion. Kudos to the local committee including, Ben, Lisa B., Irma, and Judy as well as Teddie, Cathy J., Brent R., Junya and a slew of others who pitched in a helping hand. I was amazed and totally stress free as to how it all just magically fell into place. Special thank you goes out to Monte, who helped out Junya (Vanna) and myself put on a skit modeled after "Who Wants To be a Millionaire" which played out well to good reviews and a few good laughs. Many people also expressed gratitude for a great job on hospitality. After expenses were paid and seed money was returned, we made a profit of \$190.07 which will be going to Area. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

University of Utah School on Alcoholism, CPC Chair, Sherrie P. — We handed out a case of English Big Books and 12x12, and ½ case Spanish Big Book and 12x12, and a lot of literature. I was not able to spend a lot of time during the daytime hours up there because I had to work, so thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time. I want to thank Andy for being willing to be available whenever the need was there, and he did spend a lot of time manning the booth. Next year will be easier and smoother.

Pre-Assembly Workshop, District 1, Frank B. — On behalf of District 1 and the workshop committee members, I am pleased to announce that we had a successful workshop for Area 69. For District 1, a word of thank you to all committee members and to the local Logan AA members for all your help and support. A personal thank you to Kurt J. for doing all the treasurer and registration duties; the committee you formed was fantastic. A personal thank you to our hospitality chair Bobo and your committee as well. A personal thank you to the two cooks Blair D. and Gary SP; for the Commitment and effort you two put forth into feeding us all. Finally the co-chair of the event Cliff D; thank you for being the go for person and for always saying the right thing when questions needed to be answered. Not to mention the hard work that went to building the podium. The podium will be donated to Area 69 at this Fall Assembly. Without all the committee's help and commitment to General Service this event wouldn't have been the success that it was. 24 pre-registrations were received. 72 total registration. We sold 120 meals and by practicing g the 7th tradition in the two speaker meetings we raised approximately \$200.00. Total funds that were received after all expenses were paid was a few dollars, \$1,100.00 (1,099.13). Area 69 provided \$400.00 seed money. Seed money will be returned as well as an extra \$699.13 to Area 69. We have a check for \$1,099.13. I have compiled all notes and information from this event. I will file it and pass it on to the Area Archives along with the banner for future references. Thank you again to all that helped with this event. To all that participated and to all that attended. May the message of service, unity and recovery continue.

In Memory of Robert M., District 1, Frank B. — Born July 23, 1976. Died August 24, 2009. GSR for the Briderland Group, Logan, Utah. We have all witness a fine example of service work and the ability to carry the message of recovery. I am grateful to call Bobo my friend. My general service partner for the past several years. Thank you for always correcting my grammar, spelling, and writing. All my talks wouldn't have been a success if it wasn't for you. The legacy you have created will live on. The work you have done will continue; and always Bobo, thank you for being the founding member of our Monday night men's group. The group is strong and thriving and would have never happened if you didn't do the foot work. Finally Bobo, until we meet again, may you rest in eternal peace and love always, Frank B.

Bid for "Fall Assembly" 2011 – Keith M., Assembly Agenda Chair – District 2 (Charlie T.) won the bid.

Bid for "Utah Bridging the Gap Workshop" 2010 – Keith M., Assembly Agenda Chair – District 3 (Nicole) won the bid.

Roll Call – Doug R., Area Registrar – In attendance were 6 Area Officers – Area Standing Chairs 7 – Past Delegates 4 – District one 1 DCMC, 2 DCM, 6 GSRs – District two 1 DCMC, 1 DCM, 2 Alt DCM, 1 Standing Chair – District three 3, 2 DCM, 9 GSR, 7 Standing Chair – District four None in attendance – District five 1 DCM – District six 1 DCM, 3 GSR – District seven 1 DCM, 4 GSR – District eight 1 DCM, 1 GSR – District nine None in attendance – District ten 1 DCMC, 2 DCM, 2 ALT-DCM, 7 GSR, 1 Standing Chair – District eleven 1 DCM, 2 Alt. DCM, 2 GSR, 1 Alt GSR – District twelve 1 DCM, 1 GSR, 1 Standing Chair – CO Reps 1 – Interested AAs 2

Election for Pacific Region Trustee Nomination from Area 69: Rod B. was selected as Area 69 nominee for Pacific Region Trustee. The other Past Delegate nominees were: Jodi E., Mike O., Mickey H.

Adjourn for Lunch.

Delegate Report – Monte S. – A verbal report was given at assembly.

District Reports

District 1 – Teddy H., DCMC: Financially we are no longer operating from our prudent reserve thanks to a generous donation from the Cache Valley Intergroup. CVI received a donation from the IWC. The groups in Logan voted to share that donation with District One. Their generosity is very much appreciated. We are greatly in need of folks who are willing to fill our vacant standing chair positions and vacant DCM positions. We would also love to see the faces of GSR's willing to participate in service to their groups and our district. Carrying the message to the remote areas of District One continues to be a priority to our two standing chairs and their fellow trusted servants who are so eager to carry the message throughout the Northern portion of District One.. Snowville and Tremonton are the next places to receive their attention. Our Area 69 ALT Delegate, ReNae visited our September District meeting ReNae's presentation was in regards to the proposed guideline changes and the motions to be voted upon at this Assembly. It was wonderful to have our lovely ReNae in our midst. Thank you ReNae for your service to us. We are looking forward to seeing Bruce and Wade at our October district meeting. It was mentioned in an earlier report that District One has been mourning the loss of Robert (aka BoBo), our beloved GSR who passed away in August. We appreciate the service that he gave to Alcoholics Anonymous. We'd like to thank Area 69 for honoring Robert during the moment of silence this morning. Thank you District 11 for hosting this event. We appreciate your hospitality. District One is grateful to be a part of Area 69 and we'd like to thank you for allowing us to be of service to Alcoholics Anonymous.

District 2 – Charlie T., DCMC: District 2 continues to grow and prosper. Great efforts by combining Bridge the Gap (Sara L.), corrections (John Y.), and Treatment (Susan T.) are in the works. Soon we will increase the distribution of fliers aiding inmates to connect with BTG. So keep signing up in your area for BTG cause here they come. Corrections continues to grow. More members have joined our committee in Metro and Oxbow has opened and has 2 meetings a week. Treatment chair has stepped up and has plans to open back to basics meetings in treatment centers. Volunteers of America (VOA) social detox has requested back to basics in their facilities. Literature Chair, Austin D., has stepped up and has surpassed previous efforts. His efforts have been met by District 2 increasing his budget and have talked about possibly helping more. We have lost our PI/CPC Chair. In addition to the open PI/CPC chair, District 2 have 2 DCMC and Alt. DCM positions open.

District 3 – Nicole: District 3 is doing well. All standing chair positions have been filled. A new DCM was elected. A BTG position was created and fill. The district will be having a Christmas party. A workshop on "Service Work" will be held on 17 October 2009 in Lehi.

District 4 – No Report.

District 5 – Harry S., DCM: AA is alive and OK. There is a new step meeting at 7 PM on Friday. Thank you for letting me be of service to AA as a whole.

District 6 – LeRoy B., DCM: District 6 is doing well. We just held our Fall Workshop in Richfield. All groups are doing well. Our finances are good. We still do not have all our standing chair position filled. Meeting in CVCF are doing well. Thanks for letting me serve.

District 7 – Don P., DCM: We will have District meeting on October 10th in Kanab with pot luck. Delegate will be in attendance and will assist in district inventory. Kanab AA is steadily growing with new comers imports; District 7 is financially secure. For the first time in about 2 years, the DCM position for the southwest section of the District has been filled. Southwest is St. George, Hurricane, etc. We still have open Alt DCM for southwest; most other positions are filled. There is an additional meeting place in Cedar City and those meetings will be listed in Directory Web page.

District – 8, John G., DCM: District 8 is doing great! We are grateful to report that District 8 now provides meeting for both men and women inmates -- both County and State at the Vernal County Jail thanks to Pam H. and Gary L. Thanks also to Wade for coming to the district to give spirit and support. Thanks to Erick C. for having done such a good job as Literature Chair. He has had to step down due to health reasons. Tom W. has stepped into the chair and is doing a great job. We are starting a new Big Book Study meeting to be held on Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM at 391 South 100 North (Garage). Our District 8 Fall Workshop Committee is meeting once a month. We are doing well staying with the Area Guidelines on the time table and checklist.

District 10 – JoAnn, DCMC: I am sorry I was not able to be in Logan but was visiting an ailing brother in Kansas. Thank you District 11 for hosting this event, it is always a pleasure to visit you. On September 19th District 10 hosted its 1st annual self supporting social. We had hamburgers, hotdogs and pot luck. It was held in Murray Park; there was the greatest band playing and that park was really rocking. Each person who showed up received a free ticket and we had some great drawing gifts, tie-dyes, toys, free lunches and Jiffy lube. There was a suggested contribution of \$3.00 and the response was tremendous. Everybody that attended had a marvelous happy time. It was very successful and we plan to do this again next year. We have been in contact with David

Hollands to try to persuade them to return our deposit, but so far we have failed. We have a phone number but it is only answered with a machine. We are not giving up as this money belongs to our members. I am giving to Pete \$61.75 today as that was what was remaining in the checking account. Hopefully we will still be able to recoup the money. GSR Workshop on November 4th at 11 AM will be held at Mary Grace Manor. Our District is doing well, however we are still in need of DCMs and Alt. DCMs. We have filled all our Standing Chair positions. Also, we are still holding up well financially. We will be voting on our budget next month and are forming a Guidelines Committee. Clarification on David Holland -- The property management has changed heads and is still operating.

District 11 – Bill D., DCM: I have the privilege to serve as the DCM for the northern half of District 11. Things seem to be doing well for all of our groups and we are seeing a lot of new comers coming into the program. It is our hope that they keep coming back. The finances of the district are in good order. Most groups contribute on a regular basis. We still are operating without a DCMC but still have hope that someone will step up to fill the position. Also, we still have vacancies for all of our alternate positions as well. I also would like to recognize all of our District chairs and thank them for the time and energy they freely give in helping the still suffering alcoholic. This program is truly a blessing.

District 12 – Carlos G., DCM: District 12 is conducting frequent workshops with very good result. The Hispanic community is responding very well to these meetings. The following workshops will be conducted: "Traditions", October 3 and 4, Group - Despertar Feliz, Midvale; "Traditions", October 17 and 18, Group -Gratitude, Park City; "The Big Book", October 31 and November 1st, Group - Hispano, Salt Lake City; "Traditions", November 14 and 15, Group - Hispano, Salt Lake City.

Standing Committee Reports

Archives, Janet H. (for Treesa J., Chairperson) – Treesa is attending the National Archive Workshop in Woodland Hills, CA. This weekend she has been in contact with me. She says it is awesome. She is learning so much! Michelle, from GSO archives, shared some wonderful information on Spanish Archive Workbook. Workshops attended: Preservation, Experience, Strength, and Hope for the Future of Archives; and Long Timers are just a few. The NAW is self-supporting and really encourages all area archives attend. Next year the National Archive Workshop will be in Macon, GA. Treesa sounds so excited about the things she is hearing, learning, meeting others, and brain storming with other archives. In addition to a report back she is planning on submitting her full report in the Area Newsletter. As your repository archivist, I want to thank you for voting to increase the archive storage fund so that the archives can be moved into a controlled environment. This will greatly add to the protection of our archives. Thank you!

Assembly/Agenda, Keith M., Chairperson – I have been busy attending host committee meetings around the state and enjoying myself very much, thanks for the opportunity to serve our fellowship. I have also started a new project which when completed will increase communication between the Area and the host committees. I have been working on revising host committee forms and will soon have them on our web page. With the forms on the web page the entire committee will have access to this information not just the host committee chair (who may have recently move out of state or decided to do more research with alcohol). Please watch the web page for this new information.

Communications – No report.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC); Sherrie P., Chairperson – I missed the last assembly, so it sure feels good to get a fix. Since I have reported last, the school on alcoholism was enlightening. This was the first time I was right in the middle of it. On Thursday, September 10, USARA which stands for "Utah Supports Advocates Recovery Awareness" & Valley mental Health in Park City hosted their 1st annual Recovery Night. Andy and I were excited to represent alcoholics Anonymous at this event, but I had a conflict. About 1½ years ago "The SKP'z", invited me to join and become a member of their band. A sober band in Recovery. We had also been invited to entertain at Recovery Night. The SKP'z (escapes) had escaped the war with drugs and alcohol. While the band played, Andy manned the booth. On Friday, September 11th, Recovery Night was in Tooele, and Saturday in Utah County. Andy picked up the slack while I got on a plane and headed to Seattle with my Mom and sister for a way over do family reunion. Last week USARA hosted Recovery Day at the Gallivan Center. Andy and I headed out early to set up and represent AA. That same afternoon District 10 was putting on their first Annual Self Supporting Social. The SKP'z were asked to perform at that event, and I had to leave Andy 1 hour before time to close up. I am very grateful for the last panel of Service when I was Area Secretary and Andy was Area Chair, we worked quite closely together. Interesting how we were elected into 2 positions that are so closely related PI and CPC. Thanks again Andy and thank you for allowing me to serve.

Corrections, Bruce I. (for Wade J., Chairperson) – First I would like to apologize for my absence today but unfortunately I have some personal issues that need my presence this weekend. Since the last time we met I have had the pleasure of being a part of many Bridges being made in the Area. The P.O. Box is working well; we've been getting two to three requests weekly and volunteers responding to the requests have been great thanks to all those who have been working so hard in and out of the jails and prison. I have met with the program director at the Salt lake County jail and presented some of the BTG material to him. He supports AA 100%. I have been working with Bruce on getting the new material to the Communications team so we can get the Web setup with the material

to be at full access to the Area via utahaa.org. There has been many people involved in setting it up, you all know who you are and thank you so much. I look forward to seeing all of you next month.

Grapevine, Lauana H., Chairperson – Since the Area Workshop, I have been remiss in performing my duties as your area Grapevine Standing Chair. I do have news from Dateline Grapevine. There is a new book that will be coming out shortly. A new book of cartoons and jokes titled "A Rabbit Walks Into a Bar" with chapters that cover topics from "The Drinking Life" and "New Comers in AA" to "life in AA" and "AA Wit and Wisdom". Plus there will be a special chapter devoted to Victor E. The next issues of the Grapevine will be: November will be women in AA and December will be what gives you hope. There is a call out for articles on "Dealing with Adversity" and "Financial Insecurity". The submissions deadline is October 20th. For submitting or learning how to submit an article go to www.aagrapevine.org. The November/December issue of the La Vina is on remaining sober during the holidays. La Vina needs stories from the fellowship. AA Grapevine.org highlights are: Story of the day, I-Say Forum, The latest survey, humor, 12 steps and 12 traditions, and the Grapevine Archives. Check it out on the web anytime Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Literature, Sheryl T., Chairperson – Our beloved Big Book turned 70 years old in April of this year. I'd like to quote part of the front page article in the Fall 2009 issue of Box 459: "Sometime in 2009, in fourth edition and 70th year of continuous publication, it is expected that the 30 millionth copy of 'Alcoholics Anonymous' will be sold. Available in 58 languages, including American Sign Language and Braille, multiple print and audio formats, A.A.'s basic text has carried the message of hope and recovery literally around the world." How fortunate we all are to be part of this wonderful, lifesaving program! If you have not yet heard the good news, GSO's quarterly newsletter, Box 459, is now available for FREE online at www.aa.org. Check it out and please pass this information on to your groups. There are current literature catalogs on the Literature table. You will notice that there are some new items now available including the young People's Poster, as well as revised and updated versions of several pamphlets, DVDs and CDs. I've had the opportunity to work with other Area Chairperson on another large literature order. Please let me know if you have literature needs I can assist you with. Working together has the added benefit of cost savings to the Area. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve Area 69 in this capacity.

Public Information (P.I.), Andy B., Chairperson – Hello fellow servants, it's good to be of service. The last month has been pretty busy starting with being invited to help on the Park City 1st annual Recovery Night committee, which was held on Thursday September 10th. The turnout was OK, about 100 or so people. The next night was the Tooele City Recovery Night. "WOW", I was impressed by the turnout and the participation of the committee, 250 to 300 plus people, great job. The next morning Provo held their 1st annual Recovery Day. About 150 to 200 people attended. On September 19th, we set a display up at the Salt Lake City Recovery Day at the Galivan Center; we were at the "Last Table on the Block". Around 2 to 3,000 people attended; we had awesome volunteers. We answered a lot of questions at all the events. I want to thank our "Area Literature Chair" Sheryl for all her help. The young people's poster we voted for is at the PI display. I have a few available, let me know. I want to thank God and all of you for allowing me to serve.

Treatment Facilities, Bruce I., Chairperson – I hate to report that since the Pre-Assembly Workshop I still haven't contacted the District Treatment Chairs. In fact, if I don't have a report including the District Treatment committees by the Fall Workshop I will respectfully resign. It has given me a lot to think about this week prior to the Fall Assembly and once again I hope to have a chance to visit with them today. There's a pretty good chance that they are doing just fine without me since I haven't heard from them. But I want them to know I am willing to do whatever I can to be of service. So much of my time and effort since last spring has been directed toward the Bridging the Gap program I have sorely neglected the Treatment Committees. On that note, I did attend the National Bridging the Gap Workshop held in Kansas City, Missouri during the Weekend of September 11 – 13, 2009.

Area Officer's Reports

Area Chairperson, Charlie G. – A verbal report was given at the Fall Assembly.

Alternate Delegate, Renae H. – A verbal report was given at the Fall Assembly.

Treasurer, Pete G. – I was asked to modify the Group contributions spreadsheet to reflect contributions from non group sources such as the individual contributions, the IWC contributions and contributions from our service events that return more than the seed money. An important function of the Group Contributions spreadsheet is take this information back to your District and group to verify what has been sent. Our contributions rose by almost \$3500.00 in a few weeks. We have received as much to date as what was received through the entire year last year. At the Pre-Assembly Workshop, the Area received the seed money of \$1000.00 back from District 10 for the Post-Conference Assembly. We also received an additional \$190.00 back from the Area Bridging the Gap Workshop - they already returned their seed money of \$250.00 for this event. We met our obligations by funding the Area Inventory, held in District 2

this year. Area 69 also sent our Archives Standing Chair to the National Archives Workshop. I Attended the Dixie Central Office Board meeting in August.

Registrar, Doug R. – A verbal report was given at the Fall Assembly.

Guidelines Committee Recommendation/Discussion: All of the Guideline recommendations were agree upon by the assembly body except the following: The recommendation to add new a paragraph, [4.3c(3)] See Guideline handout, was tabled. The recommendation to add a subsection to Appendix C, see Guideline handout, failed. The recommendation to add a bullet point to Appendix C, see Guideline handout, failed. In summary, translation recommendations will not be incorporated into the Guidelines.

PRAASA Defrayment Ad-hoc Committee Recommendation/Discussion: For Forum, the committee proposed that the Area Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Immediate Past Delegate names be place in a hat. The name drawn from the hat will be the name of the trusted servant who will attend the forum with the Delegate and Alt Delegate for total of three trusted service representing Area 69. This will be a cost savings of \$1200.00. For PRAASA, No change for the Delegate and Alt Delegate. Proposed that the Area Chair, Treasurer, and Registrar be defrayed the first year only. The Area Secretary be defrayed the second year only. Area Standing Chair Communication, CPC, Treatment, Literature, and grapevine be defrayed the first year. The Area Standing Chair Assembly/Agenda, Public Information, Corrections, and Archives be defrayed the second year. This will be a cost savings of \$300.00. The committee proposed that the immediate past delegate not be funded for either the Forum or PRAASA.

Correction/Treatment - BTG Ad-hoc Committee Recommendation/Discussion: The Area 69 Bridging the Gap Ad Hoc committee had its final meeting at the end of May 2009 after which it quickly converted itself into the Bridging the Gap Workshop committee. As one of the Co-Chairs, I would like to express appreciation on behalf of Wade J. and myself to Sara L., James H., and Ron L. for their hard work, tolerance, patience, and especially their thoughtful ideas on both committees. The ad hoc committee was established during the February 2009 Area Committee meeting in Richfield to evaluate the Bridging the Gap program in Area 69 and determine the roles and responsibilities of those involved. Little did we know at the time where that assignment would take us. We determined that the basics for the program were already in place but needed some definition to allow the participants a more clear understanding of just who was responsible for each assignment and how to go about doing them. We began by studying the original materials in the workbook supplied by the previous committees. After this examination we were able to create an outline of a BTG model to accommodate the flow of activities starting with the initial presentation made to an institution all the way to the eventual and most important twelfth step call known as the “Bridge.” That’s when a New Member and a Temporary Contact Volunteer meet and attend an A.A. meeting. In the process, we updated the previous pamphlets, letters, and handouts; developed cards and other materials for the volunteers to use, and established guidelines to describe who was responsible for each of the various tasks necessary for the program to succeed. We brought a page from the new workbook we chose to call the “Preface to Bridging the Gap – Utah Area 69.” It summarizes the outline we spoke of and briefly describes the responsibilities of the Area and the Districts in/re to Bridging the Gap. A copy of this page is available at the Registrars’ desk. I would like to read it now since this document contains the recommendations of the ad hoc committee based on the assignment it was given.

Motion discussion and Vote:

Presented by Andy B. – seconded by Sherrie P.: A motion to combine the Fall Workshop and December meeting (Area Inventory or Pass the Gavel). Having a 2 day event on the 1st weekend in December combining Fall Workshop and Area Inventory or Pass the Gavel on Saturday. Then finish with Area Business on Sunday. Savings to the Area: lodging, mileage, postage, copying, etc. Financial Impact – Area lodging alone \$600.00 plus savings in mileage could be as much as \$1000.00 per event and as little as \$400.00 plus. Not to mention savings on postage and copying at savings of \$200.00 plus. – This motion failed on reconsideration.

Presented by Janet H – seconded by Lana: *Rewritten motion.* Archival Display/Repository. The Archive Ad Hoc Committee recommends: That Area 69 accept contributions from AA non-area funded events for the purpose of an Archival Display/Repository. The Area Treasurer deposits such funds into an Area Bank Account designated for an Display/Archival Repository. Funds to be kept in perpetuity: accounted, tracked and disbursed by the Area Treasurer. – After some discussion this motion failed.

Open Mic: New Motion

Presented by Don P. – seconded by Doug R.: Move that Ad Hoc Committee on PRAASA and Forum Defrayment write their suggestions, as a proposed guideline change and it be presented to groups. Financial impact will be a savings of \$150.00 a year.

Close Business Meeting 12:00 on Sunday, 27 September 2009.